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SUBJECT: CSCE/ MBFR LINKAGE ISSUE

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1. VON GROLL TOLD EMBOFF MAY 30 THAT HIS CALL TO DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTRY ( REFTEL, PARA 2) HAD FAILED TO MOVE DUTCH FROM THEIR INSISTENCE ON FIXING DATE FOR MBFR NEGOTIATIONS AT SAME TIME AS DATE FOR OPENING OF CSCE MINISTERIAL. WHILE CONCEDING THAT THIS DUTCH POSITION CONFLICTED WITH EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE DECISION AGAINST SUCH A LINKAGE, GROLL' S DUTCH COUNTERPART SAID: " WHAT CAN WE DO OTHERWISE TO ASSURE SOVIET AGREEMENT ON MBFR DATE?"

2. IN REPLY, EMBOFF GAVE GROLL GIST OF NEW US GUIDANCE ( STATE 103068), ENCOURAGING GERMANS TO JOIN IN US DEMARCHE ON SOVIETS AND TO BORE AWAY FURTHER ON DUTCH. GROLL SAID HE AGREED WITH US INTENT TO FOCUS ON ADHERENCE TO THREE SPECIFIC DATES IN SOVIET SEPTEMBER 12 NOTE, I. E. OPENING OF HELSINKI MPT, OPENING OF VIENNA MIT AND OPENING OF MBFR NEGOTIATIONS, RATHER THAN IN FORGING NEW LINKAGE TO DATE FOR OPENING OF CSCE MINISTERIAL. HE SAID GERMANS WOULD CONSIDER SUPPORTING DEMARCHE WITH SOVIETS. GROLL ALSO SAID FRG INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAY 30 NAC CONSISTENT WITH OURS ( SEE PARA 3 REFTEL).

3. IN CLOSING, GROLL GAVE VIEW THAT FURTHER SOVIET WAFFLING THIS WEEK IN VIENNA ON MBFR NEGOTIATION DATE UNLIKELY IN THE END TO ATTRACT DUTCH VETO OF MPT WINDUP. LIVELIER PROSPECT IN GROLL' S VIEW, GIVEN SOVIET RECALCITRANCE, IS THAT DUTCH, CANADIANS OR OTHERS MIGHT REFUSE BEFORE CONVENING OF JUNE 14 NATO MINISTERIAL TO GIVE APPROVAL TO FINAL MPT REPORT, WHICH WILL INCLUDE DATE FOR OPENING OF CSCE MINISTERIAL.  
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